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## **Social Studies 9 Unit 2 The British & North America**

# **2L Labour and Social Issues**

### **References:**

Cranny, M. (1998) Crossroads: A Meeting of Nations, Ch. 5

Leeuw et al (1985) Thinking About Our Heritage, A Hosford Study Atlas

### **Read Crossroads p. 147-150 and address the following:**

1. Why did poor children work in factories?



2. What challenges did children face in the factories and at home?

3. What was life like for chimney sweeps and child coal miners?

4. What are labour unions and how did they get started? What was the result of attempts to unionize?

5. Define social reformer

6. What were the Factory Acts? Who was first to be protected?

7. Who was in the middle class? What did they think of the working class? Who was at the bottom of the working class?

### **Read Hosford Study Atlas p. 89-90 and address the following:**

1. What does the chart of life expectancies for different parts of England seem to show about the effects of industrialization in the 1840s?

2. How would you explain the differences between the effects upon the gentry (wealthy class) and the labourers? The lower class?

3. Literacy is the ability to read and write. What does the second graph imply (suggest) about the effects of industrialization on literacy rates? How would you explain these effects?

4. How did social conditions improve by the end of the 19th century?

**Read Crossroads p. 150-155 and address the following:**

1. What were Britain's Poor Laws?

2. What were Britain's new industrial cities like?

3. How did English reformers gather information on social conditions during the 1800s?

4. In 1700, the population of Britain was just under 6 million. By 1851, what was the population?

5. During the Industrial Revolution, where did many people in Britain who did not move to the cities end up?

6. Which crop failed in Ireland in 1845, causing widespread death and hardship?

7. What were the poor tenant farmers who were evicted from their lands in Scotland known as?

8. Why did landlords evict their tenant farmers in Scotland?